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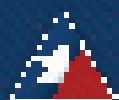
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CURTAIN Call

Sandy's Renowned Arts Scene Earns a Standing Ovation

By Heather Beers

Want to take in the symphony, ballet or musical theater? You're thinking of heading downtown, but what about Sandy City? Just 20 minutes from the epicenter of arts and culture in Utah is a thriving arts community you simply won't want to miss.

Sandy is home to the Sandy Arts Guild, which produces and supports both visual and performing arts. It's also where you'll find successful community-based organizations like Mountain West Ballet and the American West Symphony of Sandy. What makes Sandy one of Utah's most vibrant arts communities—and a hotspot for surprisingly affordable arts? We asked the people behind the scenes.

In the Spotlight: Sandy Arts Guild

From youth theater and big Broadway-style productions to seasonal concert series and visual arts, Sandy City is the place to be, thanks in part to the Sandy Arts Guild. For more than 26 years, the Sandy Arts Guild has fostered the growth of the performing and visual arts in Utah's sixth-largest city.

Steven Ireland, marketing development specialist for Sandy's community events department, says the Arts Guild's mission is to "provide educational and performance opportunities that develop talent, skills and enduring

appreciation for the arts." So when performers or artists come together with audiences who enjoy their work, it's a "two-fold return," he says.

With the Sandy Arts Guild's full calendar, there's a lot of "two-fold returning" going on. The year kicks off with an annual Chamber Theater production, held at the Sandy City Hall Council Chambers. Past years' performances have included Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* and *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*.

In the spring, theater, art and choral music share the stage. Sandy's youth theater performances typically feature a junior version of major musicals (this year's was *High School Musical, Jr.*). Sandy also hosts an Elementary School Arts Show, produced in conjunction with Canyons School District. And in May, the Guild organizes an Interfaith Music Festival where church choirs from throughout Sandy converge to perform individual and collaborative pieces with a guest conductor.

May also marks the launch of the Sandy Amphitheater Concert Series, with more than 20 performances through September. The Sandy Amphitheater's other big draw is the annual summer musical. With talented casts, custom sets and a live orchestra under the direction of a professional



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Left: Sandy Amphitheater's annual summer musical combines local talent with a professional director and live orchestra.
Right: The Sandy Amphitheater summer concert series features music by starlight.

musical director, these performances are a testament to what good community theater can be. Over the years crowds have enjoyed under-the-stars performances of *Hairspray*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and more.

And in November, the Arts Guild focuses on visual arts with its Sandy Arts Show. Now celebrating its fifth year, the Guild transforms the ballroom of the Sandy Senior Center (the city's largest venue of this kind) into a gallery where artists from all over Utah exhibit their work. The show selects one artist from Sandy each year as the featured artist.

As evidence of Sandy City's emphasis on the arts, the Arts Guild's board of trustees is comprised of the Sandy City Council, with Mayor Tom Dolan serving as the Guild's CEO. The Guild's executive board includes about 20 members of the community who are leaders in business and social efforts.

As a nonprofit entity, the Arts Guild's funding comes from both private and public sources, including Salt Lake County's Zoo Arts & Parks program, the Utah Arts Council Foundation, corporate donations and grants. In addition to great leadership and community support, Ireland attributes the success of Sandy's arts largely to the passion of its residents. Many of the programs are performed by volunteers who believe in the positive impact arts can have.

"A lot of families take part in what we do," says Ireland. "They get together and spend time as a family [through the arts]." He adds that for many, getting involved is an unforgettable experience. "We had a gentleman whose very first musical he'd ever been in was last summer, *Guys and Dolls*. He came to us and said it changed his whole life. He's auditioned for everything we've done since, and he was back in *Hairspray* this year."

On Pointe: Mountain West Ballet

While Utah boasts Ballet West, the world-renowned professional company about 15 miles south is an emerging force in semi-professional ballet: Mountain West Ballet. Since 1983, dancers have pirouetted their way across the stage in Sandy thanks to Mountain West Ballet's nonprofit efforts.

Most known for its popular annual production of *The Nutcracker*, each spring Mountain West Ballet also mounts a major production, such as this year's *Sleeping Beauty*. Past seasons have included *12 Dancing Princesses*, *Frog Prince*, *Cinderella* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Kate Johnson, Mountain West Ballet's chief financial officer, says the goal of Mountain West Ballet is to provide high-level performance opportunities for aspiring dancers, as well as up-and-coming artistic directors and choreographers. The organization is also proud to foster an appreciation for classical ballet by delivering excellent production quality at an affordable price.

Johnson's position, like the rest of the organization's leadership, is volunteer. Her long-time dedication to Mountain West Ballet goes back seven years when, she began as a volunteer coordinator.

"When I first started, it was because my daughter, who was eight years old, was dancing. But then once you see these dancers get on the stage and you see the opportunities you're giving them to perform with a semi-professional company—you just can't go anywhere and get that! My daughter's 15 now I'm still here because I feel passionate about preserving the arts and giving these opportunities to dancers," she says.

To enable more dancers to participate, the shows are often double or even triple cast, with *The Nutcracker's* largest cast coming in at 340 performers one year. Mountain West Ballet utilizes Sandy's resources, with *The Nutcracker*

performances on Mount Jordan Middle School's stage, and spring productions at the Sandy Amphitheater.

Johnson says the dream is to someday have their own theater, but the nonprofit ballet company is content to continue its fundraising and growth at a steady pace. Last year, for example, Mountain West was able to invest in additional lighting and hire a lighting director for *The Nutcracker*. "I will tell you it has changed the show. The feel, the warmth, the things you can do with lighting are amazing. That's a huge stride that we've been able to make," she says.

So when you're ready to be swept off your feet, head to a Mountain West Ballet performance in Sandy! For more information visit www.mountainwestballet.org.

Sweet Harmony: American West Symphony of Sandy

For those who appreciate classical music, the American West Symphony of Sandy's distinctive season features 14 concerts each year. This year's performances included a pleasing palette of notable composers: Brahms, Grieg, Haydn, Bernstein, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and Beethoven.

The symphony treats its audiences to complex, invigorating harmonies at different venues throughout Sandy and the Salt Lake Valley, including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Libby Gardner Hall, the Assembly Hall, the Salt Lake Tabernacle and the Sandy Amphitheater.

Founded in 1988, American West is an all-volunteer organization with its performers living double-lives as doctors, attorneys, educators, high school students and more. The orchestra is led by conductor Joel Rosenburg. With a strong following and perennially good reviews from *The Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News*, American West enjoys an excellent reputation.

Find out more about the current season at www.americanwestsymphony.org. ▲

SANDY ARTS AT-A-GLANCE

Whether you're a fan of Broadway musicals or you like to kick back to your favorite bands under the stars, be part of the arts action in Sandy. Here's what to look forward to:

The Nutcracker - The annual Mountain West Ballet performance will enchant you with this timeless holiday classic. Performed at Mount Jordan Middle School, visit www.mountainwestballet.org for tickets and times.

Chamber Theater - In February, the Sandy Arts Guild stages a play or musical in the Sandy City Hall Council Chambers. Visit www.sandyarts.com for more information.

Interfaith Music Festival - In April/May, the Interfaith Music Festival will lift your spirits with performances from church choirs throughout Sandy. Visit www.sandyarts.com for more information.

Youth Theater Program - In May, support budding young actors in Sandy City's Youth Theater program, featuring a junior version of your favorite musicals. www.sandyarts.com.

Ballet in Spring - Next May, be inspired by Mountain West Ballet's spring performance. Visit www.mountainwestballet.org for tickets and details.

Sandy Amphitheater Concert Series - May through September, get to the Sandy Amphitheater for exciting bands, dance troupes and more. The 2,700-seat amphitheater has hosted headliners like Taylor Swift and Miranda Lambert, and the 2011 season featured Kenny Loggins and Howard Jones. Local musicians with a national following like Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Band and Jon Schmidt are also frequent performers. Go to www.sandyarts.com for concert details.

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has many activities throughout the year, including its annual walk to fight polio.

LEND A Hand

Local Service Organizations Make a Difference at Home and Abroad

By Peri Kinder

Sandy City has a long history of providing service to its residents. Business and government leaders support and manage several service organizations within the city including the Sandy Rotary Club, Honorary Colonel's Club and the Sandy Exchange Club. Not only are these groups making a difference in the lives of Sandy residents, but they are helping others beyond the city's borders.

Service Above Self

In 2002, Sandy joined with sister cities in Piedras Negras, Mexico, and Riesa, Germany. The Sandy Rotary Club jumped on board immediately and raised donations to build a children's wing at a hospital in Mexico and stock it with medical supplies.

The Rotary Club also paid for a water purification system for an elementary school in the same city. Former Sandy Rotary Club President Byron Jorgenson says he never realized how much a small contribution could change so many lives.

"From what we've heard, people come from miles around to get clean drinking water for their families," he says. "They have needs beyond what we understand."

Projects like these keep people motivated and inspired to stay involved with service organizations. The Rotary Club

has many ongoing activities for its members. Jorgenson says the club has provided shoes for The Sandy Club, painted a house for an elderly resident, fed homeless men, organized a Sub for Santa and served as bell-ringers for the Salvation Army. And for a small amount of money, the club bought a goat to help a family in Mexico, creating a source of food and income.

The Rotary Club is made up of people from every type of business and organization including city officials, bankers, printers, lawyers, realtors and entrepreneurs. New members must be sponsored by a member within the club and be willing to promote and support the club's wide variety of service opportunities.

"It's service above self," Jorgenson says. "What we try to do is provide service [with] both local and international projects. It's not only a place for friends to come together and learn and grow, but it has a strong service aspect."

Local Pride

Since 1980, the Sandy Exchange Club has been reinforcing American values, traditions and beliefs. Organized to promote pride in the country, respect for the flag, appreciation for sacrifices made from military men and women, and to create

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awareness for freedom, the Exchange Club supports a variety of patriotic programs.

Each year the club places a Freedom Shrine in public schools and buildings. The shrine consists of 20 to 30 of America's most important historic documents. The club also distributes small American flags to parade attendees during The Fourth of July parade. The club's Proudly We Hail award recognizes four individuals and businesses who display allegiance to the flag.

Sandy City Community Development Director Mike Coulam joined the Sandy Exchange Club in 1984 and served as its president from 1986-87 and again in 1998-99. Coulam says the club's main focus extends beyond promoting patriotism to serving the overall community. "I've seen what a well organized group can do to make our city a better place to live," he says.

Coulam, who received the National Exchange Club Distinguished Club President Award, played an integral role in development of the Sandy Pride program. "All residents in the southeast area of Salt Lake Valley are invited to join together to clean up, fix up, beautify and make our community a better place to live," he says.

Organized by the Exchange Club, Sandy Pride is a community project that encourages residents to beautify their communities, homes, streets, churches and businesses. For more than 25 years, people have come together for Sandy Pride to foster connection in neighborhoods by sponsoring a one-day, city-wide clean-up activity. Thousands of volunteers

spend the day weeding, landscaping, helping elderly residents, laying sod and painting. In 2010, Home Depot donated \$5,000 in grant money toward the event.

"Community involvement is our main interest," Coulam says, "We are working with people with similar interests to make our community better...I enjoy providing service to my community and fellow citizens. Sandy is a great community, I love doing my part to keep the community beautiful and a great place to live and work."

New recruits are always welcome at the Exchange Club and members pay a nominal fee each week to participate in its weekly breakfast.

Community Wellbeing

Sandy City doesn't take its police officers for granted. The Honorary Colonel's Club is an association of business people and residents who support the Sandy City Police Department. The club promotes a dialogue between officers and business people to give and receive feedback to improve services in the city.

Often, the club will give financial aid to officers going through a tough time, usually with a family medical emergency. Club donors also provide an annual picnic where officers can join together with their families and celebrate. The yearly awards banquet awards officers and citizens for their involvement with the community.

"In return, they give us some feedback and analysis of what's going on in their areas and what we can do to make

our police department better,” Sandy City Police Chief Stephen Chapman says. “They tell us how we might be able to change procedures and keep us aware of crimes that are happening in their area. Even if they just get to know me and [Sandy City Mayor Tom Dolan], it’s been a really good interactive experience.”

Sandy City leaders encourage residents from all walks of life to get involved in worthwhile causes. With many service clubs to choose from, people can participate in projects all year long. A resolution approved by Sandy City states, “The citizens’ participation in community clean-up projects, tree planting, service projects and great family and neighborhood participation will foster community well-being and community spirit.” ▲

The Sandy Rotary Club meets every Wednesday from 12:15–1:30 p.m. at Carvers (10720 Holiday Park Drive). A speaker and lunch is provided for \$15.

The Sandy Exchange Club meets on Thursdays from 7:30–8:30 a.m. at Sandy Fire Station #31 (9010 S. 150 E.) A speaker and breakfast is provided for a small fee.

Linda Martinez Saville: Creating a Safe Haven

By Peri Kinder

Linda Martinez Saville operates a place in Sandy where kids are safe and protected. At The Sandy Club: A Safe Place for Boys & Girls, children, parents and grandparents have a resource to develop life skills and create a better home environment.

Saville understands how important it is to teach children to respect themselves and others, and to value their own talents. After teaching high-risk kids in the Jordan School District for 30 years and operating the Sandy club for almost 20 years, she knows the challenges children and parents face. Drugs, abuse, homelessness and neglect are abundant, even in a city like Sandy. She believes she has created a program to help everyone in a child’s life.

“My goal was to make this [club] a safe haven,” Saville says. “I don’t care if it’s a child or an adult. They can come and know they will get help. It’s like a great big house, and I’ve made it look like that because I want them to know they can come to this big house and be safe.”

Saville works with many children who are abused, living in shelters or facing other challenges. She helps educate grandparents who are raising their grandchildren and teaches parents basic job search skills like filling out resumes and job applications. With a facility located in one of the lowest-income areas in Sandy, Saville says she has seen it all.

She’s also not afraid to ask local businesses for donations to keep the club operating and to give these kids good experiences. She considers herself a “walking billboard” and isn’t below begging to get the supplies the children at the club need.

“I’m trying to educate the community, so if they have an extra \$10, they can donate to our club,” she says. “There’s a place in Sandy that really needs your help.”

Many children return to the club as adults, either to volunteer or to tell Saville how important the Sandy Club was in their lives. She recalls the story of a young girl who she describes as “the most beautiful girl without a smile.” The young girl was being molested at home and came to the club for safety.

Years later, this young girl visited Saville to tell her how the club had turned her life around. The girl was attending college on a basketball scholarship and wanted to be a gym teacher to encourage children to embrace their talents. Saville says that kind of reunion happens all the time.

“I believe with all my heart that we’ve saved thousands of lives. My payback is when the kids come back and say, ‘Linda, because of this club, I made it.’”

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BOOM Town

The Business Community Thrives in Sandy

By Josh McFadden

The current economic climate may still be uncertain, but continued growth is creating plenty of optimism and excitement for Sandy business owners.

With a prime location, supportive public officials and visionary business leaders, Sandy is an ideal place to set up shop. It's also an attractive place for shopping, eating, entertainment and recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors alike.

"Sandy is the gateway to fun," says Alan Rindlisbacher, Layton Construction Company director of corporate marketing.

With its corporate headquarters based in Sandy, Layton Construction has been a member of the Sandy business community since the mid-1990s. Since that time, Rindlisbacher and his Layton Construction colleagues have seen steady growth in the company and in the Sandy area as a whole.

Rindlisbacher is particularly pleased to be a part of a company that has had a large hand in Sandy's growth. Layton was contracted for the construction of Sandy's own Rio Tinto Stadium, as well as Sandy's City Hall, the South Towne Exposition Center, and development in and around South Towne Mall.

"It's nice to be able to go across the street and build," Rindlisbacher says. "We hope the Sandy business community has recognized us as a symbol of growth and prosperity."

Growth Spurt

It wasn't all that long ago that Sandy was on the outer edge of developed Salt Lake County. But with the population boom to the south end of the county in communities such as Draper,

Herriman, Bluffdale, Riverton and South Jordan, Sandy has in recent years become the center of the Salt Lake Valley's commercial and retail activity.

"When we first got [to Sandy], people thought, 'where are we?'" Rindlisbacher says. "Now, we're right in the center of everything."

Another Sandy business owner cites the central location of Sandy as a major factor in his company's success. Hersh Ipaktchian is the president, CEO and founder of Iggy's Sports Grill. With nine locations in Utah from Ogden to St. George, Iggy's opened up in Sandy in 2004. Ipaktchian says the Sandy restaurant, located at 10631 South Holiday Park Drive, is one of the most successful.

"We do extremely well," he says. "We came to Sandy because we found the mayor and city staff very welcoming. They are cooperative with new businesses and helped with all the permits and paperwork...Sandy is always one of the best locations."

Ipaktchian says his Iggy's restaurant in Sandy is ideally situated by Interstate 15 and close to five hotels and 16 car dealerships. The South Towne Mall is also nearby, ensuring both good lunch and dinner crowds. He adds that the establishment is the perfect atmosphere for a sports grill and that the annual March Madness NCAA mens basketball tournament is the biggest month of the year.

Strategic Planning

Ipaktchian also speaks highly of the local Sandy government. "City officials have been extremely accommodating and supportive," he says. "It makes for a good marriage."

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Rindlisbacher agrees. He says local government support, along with the visionary planning of city leaders and decision-makers, has made and continues to make Sandy a wonderful place to do business and to live and visit.

"Businesses are made to feel welcome by city officials. There's a stable city council and a forward-thinking mayor," he says. "Sandy City has been very aggressive in its approach to development. There has to be forward-thinking developers and political leaders that have a vision for the future."

Another Sandy business, Del Sol, also credits much of its success to the positive relationship that exists between Sandy City leaders and the local business community.

"Sandy City has been wonderful to work with," says Scott Brady, Del Sol associate vice president of communication. "They've spoken highly of us. They've been supportive. They're great people."

Del Sol specializes in making products such as shirts, hats and nail polish that change color in the sun. It has stores in 24 countries, and has been headquartered in Sandy since 2000.

The company was originally located in Provo, but had grown too large for its operations there. Brady says coming to Sandy was the perfect move and that the company has since seen tremendous growth.

"Sandy City is attractive to a growing business," he says. "We found a good space. We like the cleanliness and that Sandy is on the rise. It's been an energizing and exciting place to do business."

Brady says having Sandy as the company headquarters is advantageous because the majority of the employees are centrally located. He also points out that one of the main screen printing companies Del Sol uses is in Salt Lake County, which makes the frequent trips there so much easier. Being closer to Salt Lake International Airport also factored in the move from Provo to Sandy.

Business clients, customers and other visitors to the city can also count on first-class accommodations and activities during their stay. Such favorable treatment is also a selling point for Del Sol to its clients that might be visiting from out of state.

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"It's great access for visitors and locals," Brady says. "There are a lot of restaurants and retail. There are clean, safe and wonderful hotels. A lot of our clients find good accommodations and rest when they come into town."

Both Brady and Rindlisbacher note that Sandy is a popular choice for hotel reservations and restaurant and retail patronage for out-of-town skiers.

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A Bright Future

Sandy's healthy business environment is one reason why sporting goods retailer Scheels selected the city for its newest location. "Scheels is thrilled to be coming to Utah, and this location in Sandy," says Steve D. Scheel, CEO. "We have been studying this market for more than 10 years and we love the overall demographics of the market combined with the opportunity in all aspects of our business." Scheduled to open in October 2012, the 220,000-square-foot Scheels development will showcase Utah's largest selection of sports, sportswear and footwear.

So what other exciting developments are on the horizon for Sandy? Former Envision Utah Director Alan Matheson has high hopes for continued growth and prosperity.

Echoing the sentiments of Sandy business leaders Rindlisbacher, Ipaktchian and Brady, Matheson believes the city's excellent location, the strong leadership of Mayor Tom Dolan and other city leaders, along with the appealing services throughout the city, will keep Sandy vibrant and flourishing for years to come.

"The [city] leadership recognizes that a strong business community is important for the community overall," Matheson says.

Matheson is a member of the Sandy Planning Commission. From this perspective he says the Sandy business community is truly a community. He has witnessed cooperation among



businesses and their leaders, and he has seen groups of people work together to make Sandy a great place to live, work and play.

"The business community has been supportive, invested time and shared ideas," he says. "To be successful, any city has to have that combination. The business community is a big asset; we want to build a community as a good place to live. We want a sense of common purpose. We sensed a lot of people recognize the need to provide a range of opportunity. Sandy has worked hard to provide that option."

Matheson also highlights the developments and additions of Rio Tinto Stadium—which has brought not only Real Salt Lake but football, rugby and high school state championship soccer—the South Towne Expo Center, South Towne Mall and Jordan Commons, which he says is one of the most visited theaters in the country. He's also excited for the prospects of the Sandy Civic Center.

"We see a tremendous potential for the Sandy Civic Center," he says. "There is a broad commitment to make the civic center a source of pride. It can be recognized not only in Utah but around the country."

And Matheson promises that other major projects to keep Sandy prosperous are on the way.

"There's a lot more to come," he says. ▲



Top: Del Sol shirts change color in the sun.
Bottom: Scheels will showcase Utah's largest selection of sporting goods.



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By Tom Haraldsen

Just because the air is crisp and the snow is flying doesn't mean the fun has to come to an end. In Utah, winter is just another word for adventure. And the city of Sandy is the perfect starting point for amazing outdoor activities, delectable dining and a world of entertainment options.

Whether you want to spend your time skiing, golfing, hiking, catching a movie or shopping, it's all happening around you in Sandy, the ultimate base camp for your stay in Utah.

Sandy is conveniently located close to both downtown Salt Lake City and northern Utah County—offering quick access to attractions like Hogle Zoo and Thanksgiving Point. By staying in Sandy City, visitors have a breadth of activities to choose from, from world-class museums and cultural venues to world-famous winter resorts.

And Sandy is easy to get to from other parts of the state, located along I-15 and near three major interchanges. The city is a quick 20 minutes from the Salt Lake International Airport, making it a sought-after destination for national and international travelers. Public transportation, too, brings visitors right into the heart of the city. The state's TRAX light-rail system carries visitors from the University of Utah, Salt Lake, West Valley and Daybreak communities, and drops them off at Sandy's three TRAX stations—providing stress-free access to Jordan Commons, the South Towne Expo Center and the Rio Tinto Stadium.

Want to ski? Hop on a bus for a quick and safe ride to one of the four ski resorts adjacent to Sandy. In fact, with multiple golf courses within or near the city, you can actually golf and ski in the same day—and then finish off the day with local cuisine.

FOR YEAR-ROUND FUN



Left: **SOUTH TOWNE MALL**
Bottom: **ALTA SKI RESORT**



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Winter Sports

No stay in Sandy would be complete in the wintertime without enjoying the Greatest Snow on Earth found here in Utah. Whether you ski, snowboard or just enjoy relaxing at the lodges, both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, minutes from Sandy, provide amazing winter fun.

Within 15 minutes, via your rental car or a Utah Transit Authority bus, you can enjoy both Snowbird and Alta. They've been named the No. 1 ski resort combination in the United States by *SKIING* magazine for the past six years.

Snowbird offers 882 lodging rooms between four properties, a luxurious spa and 15 restaurants. Snowbird kicks off the fall season with Oktoberfest, a nearly two month-long celebration of German culture featuring beer, brats and uproarious polka dancing. Festival attendees can also enjoy the resort's summer activities, including an Alpine Slide, ZipRider, tram, ropes course and more.

During ski season, Snowbird features 85 runs through 2,500 acres of skiable terrain. Looking for high adventure? The resort offers snowmobiling tours at Utah's highest elevated starting point—nearly 11,000 feet—as well as snowshoeing, night skiing and, for the truly adventurous—heliskiing.

Alta has been a haven for both powderhounds and beginners for more than 70 years. Two-thirds of the resort terrain is dedicated to beginning and intermediate skiers, and the entire resort is exclusive to skiers—and, especially for beginners, the runs can feel safer without snowboarders. Additionally, Alta boasts five kilometers of groomed terrain for cross-country and Nordic skiing. Varied terrain, breathtaking views and unparalleled snow conditions, combined with an average of more than 550 inches of snow each winter, make this resort a “must ski.”

Half an hour away are the Big Cottonwood Canyon resorts of Solitude and Brighton. Solitude is aptly named, because it boasts great runs with amazingly small lift lines. Here's a secret—it's where most local skiers go to avoid crowded runs and long waits. Brighton, just up the hill a bit further, has offered quality and value for more than 70 years. A state-of-the-art lift system, huge powder, three parks and superb grooming are all reasons to visit Brighton, just a short drive or bus ride from your hotel.

Don't forget that you're also an hour away from the Park City Mountain, Canyons and Deer Valley resorts, just a short drive up Interstate 80 from your Sandy base camp. Main Street in Park City is home to eclectic shopping and dining, while Deer Valley Resort has been named the No. 1 ski resort in North America by readers of *SKI* magazine four years in a row.

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Park City is also host to the Sundance Film Festival, held each year in late January. With multiple theater venues throughout the city, attendees can combine high-art culture with extreme winter sports at area resorts.

Speaking of extreme sports, ice climbing on Little Cottonwood Canyon's famous Great White Icicle or Scruffy Band is the ultimate sport for white-knuckle adventurers. Both climbs offer a variety of routes for beginners and experienced ice climbers.

And just a few minutes away from Sandy is the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, which gives visitors a chance to watch high-performance athletes in action. Visitors can also hop on a bobsled and experience an incredible ride at up to 80 miles per hour, or relive Utah's Olympic history in the venue's two museums.

Learn to snowboard at Snowbird

Create fresh tracks in waist-deep powder at Alta

Go backcountry skiing at White Pine

Strap on the snowshoes in Bell Canyon

Take a snowmobiling tour at Snowbird

Cross country ski at Solitude

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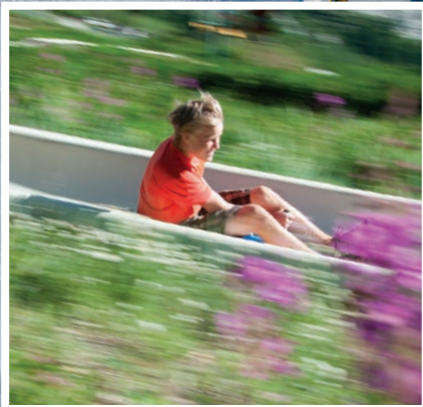
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Steve Greenwood



Shopping and Entertainment

While outdoor sports dominate Utah in the winter, the indoors also provide a host of enjoyable activities. Sandy is home to Utah's largest shopping destination—the South Towne Mall. At nearly 1 million square feet and with 150 specialty stores and restaurants, the mall is the only mall in Utah with four large anchor stores. South Towne Mall has several additional amenities, including a carousel, train rides, a dinosaur play land, the largest indoor climbing gym in the western United States and a full-service day spa.

The area surrounding the mall contains another 500,000 square feet of retail space featuring eateries, department stores and a plethora of shops.

And coming soon to the area is Scheels, a sporting and outdoor recreation mega-retailer. To be completed in October 2012, the 220,000-square-foot store will offer the largest selection of sports, sportswear and footwear in the state. Scheels is actually a collection of micro-shops that each focus on a specific brand or product. The store will also be an entertainment destination with a 16,000-gallon salt water aquarium, a Ferris wheel, a wildlife mountain, hunting and sports simulators, gift shops and eateries.

Jordan Commons, just a few blocks north of the mall, is another one-stop entertainment destination for families, featuring movie theaters and fun family dining, including live cliff divers. Enhance your movie experience at Megaplex Theatres with 17 screens of first-run films, including the state's largest digital IMAX 2D/3D theatre. Additionally,

Hiking and Biking

Sandy is the most centrally located city along the Wasatch Front to access some of the best rock climbing, hiking or biking in the world. Within 15 minutes driving distance from Sandy are both Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the surrounding region offers plentiful wilderness terrain. Here's a few recreation areas to highlight:

Little Cottonwood Creek Trail: Out and back, broad single track, intermediate in difficulty. Trail is rocky and steep at times.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Sandy to Draper): One way, or out and back, single track, total distance of 3.6 miles. Intermediate in difficulty.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Draper to Sandy): One way, or out and back, double track and single track. Trail distance: 3.6 miles. Moderate in difficulty at the beginning; the further north you go, the more technical it gets.

Albion Basin (Little Cottonwood Canyon): Out and back, gravel and dirt road, about 3 miles each way. Easy to hike or bike.

Snowbird Resort: Lift-served network of trails, including single track, double track, dirt roads. Trail lengths and difficulties vary.

Corner Canyon Area: Numerous great mountain biking and hiking trails are in the Corner Canyon area of Draper, just south of Sandy.

Suncrest Loop Trail (a.k.a. Eagle Crest): Out and back single track, or create a loop with single track and asphalt road. About 2.9 miles one way; 4.5 mile loop. Intermediate in difficulty.

Oak Vista to Eagle Crest Loop: Single-track, 4.5 mile loop; some asphalt road. Intermediate in difficulty.



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LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

Left: Albion Basin has scenic biking routes popular among residents and visitors alike.

Middle: Snowbird has numerous hiking trails for any experience.

Right: Alpine slide at Snowbird.

guests are welcome to dine at the food court or take their selections into the theaters to enjoy during the film.

Sandy is also home to a unique venue for exploration and education—The Living Planet Aquarium. Located on the corner of 700 East and 10600 South, The Living Planet Aquarium has more than 1,250 animals in three main exhibits: Journey to South America, Ocean Explorer and Discover Utah. The aquarium features sharks, penguins, an octopus, a sea turtle and a stingray touch pool.

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Left: **JORDAN COMMONS**
Right: **SOUTH TOWNE EXPO CENTER**
Bottom: **SANDY AMPITHEATER**



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Doing Business in Sandy

South Towne Expo Center, one of the busiest convention and exposition centers in the country, is situated in the middle of the action in Sandy. Built in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley, just off of I-15, the Expo Center is easily accessible to visitors from across the Wasatch Front.

The Expo Center contains an incredible 243,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space, which can be divided into five separate halls, each with its own restrooms, concessions and show offices. The exhibit hall also has state-of-the-art connectivity with fiber optics, power, water and compressed air lines throughout. In addition to the exhibit space, the Expo Center also has an additional 15,000 square feet of meeting rooms for smaller events and banquets.

The Expo Center is conveniently located adjacent to a TRAX stop, Jordan Commons and the Rio Tinto Stadium. More than 50 restaurants and 1,200 hotel rooms are within two miles of the center.

Several local and national groups have discovered the Expo Center and return year after year for their trade shows, conventions and meetings. Some of the prominent fall and winter events include the Scrapbook USA Expo, the Crossroads of the West Gun Show, What a Woman Wants, the Fall Bridal Extravaganza, and the Home Remodeling and Decorating Show.

In early December, the South Towne Expo Center hosts the Festival of Trees. With more than 700 elaborately decorated trees, wreaths and other decorations, gingerbread houses, goodies and entertainment, the Festival of Trees has become a holiday tradition for thousands of Utah families. And it's a worthwhile cause—every penny raised benefits Primary Children's Hospital.

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A DAY ON THE Town

Sandy Sites Entertain the Entire Family

By Heather Stewart

My daily challenge is to entertain my 18-month-old son. Sounds pretty easy, right? Just toss a few balls, make a few *vroom, vroom* noises with the toy truck and whip out great snacks for story time.

I wish it was that easy. Toddlers have the attention spans of gnats. They grow bored with new toys before you can even pry them from the Fort Knox-quality packaging. And those raisins they loved yesterday? Yuck! They'll never want to eat them again.

If it wasn't for all of the fun things to do and see in Sandy City, long hours spent cooped up in the house would be unbearable for both of us. When the day has dragged on too long (which is usually by 10 a.m.), it's time to head out the door for a Sandy adventure.

Sandy is for Fun Lovers

First stop? The Classic Fun Center, which for a nominal fee offers hours of climbing, sliding and bouncing fun. My

boy could spend all day bouncing on the giant inflatables, squealing and shrieking in chorus with the other happy toddlers. But the morning hours—before the older kids arrive—are definitely best for the wee ones.

Afterwards, for more cheap fun, we head down to the South Towne Mall. Although I'd prefer to browse boutique clothing stores or try on lipstick at Macy's, we usually head straight for the main attraction—the carousel. Both of us hop on and my boy rides his painted pony with great glee and concentration, as if he were embarking on a glorious adventure.

On weekday mornings, the carousel is filled with joyous toddlers and preschoolers. But on the weekend, kids of every age saddle up for a fun ride while their parents sneak in some shopping or watch from a nearby table in the food court.

And speaking of food—once we're sufficiently dizzy from the carousel, it's time for lunch.

Restaurants can be treacherous places to take toddlers.



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Left: Living Planet Aquarium
Middle: South Towne Mall Carousel
Right: Kid to Kid

My diaper demon likes to fling food on the floor, particularly if it doesn't meet his high expectations. So I'm very cautious about the places I take him. Fortunately, Sandy is a very family-friendly town, and most establishments are quite understanding about terrible toddlers.

Chick-fil-A, for example, has a great kid's menu and a fun play area. While my boy loves his french fries, he also loves Chick-fil-A's healthy fruit cup and chicken noodle soup. If you're looking for an indoor play area but don't want fast food, Joe's Crab Shack may be the ticket with a kid's menu that includes fish sticks, steam pots and even snow crab.

But if my child is too energetic to behave in a restaurant—which is more often than not—we can always head over to one of Sandy's 29 community parks for a picnic. An outdoor picnic lunch is the perfect way for a small child to run, jump, swing and play hard enough to get all the wiggles out—all while Mama plops down to rest and enjoy a shady breeze. The Alta Canyon Park is closest to our home and, conveniently, is also adjacent to the Alta Canyon Sports Center, which offers year-round fitness programs and an Olympic-size swimming pool (and did I mention the nursery?).

After a serene picnic lunch, I'm usually newly invigorated while my son is winding down—just the right state of mind to enjoy a trip to the Living Planet Aquarium, located a short jaunt from the mall. My little one is just old enough to be entranced by the mysterious sea creatures at the aquarium. Thrilled, he runs from tank to tank shouting "What's that?!"

With stingrays, penguins, sharks, jellyfish, eels and more than 250 other species, the aquarium has too much to see in just one day. And with annual memberships at \$23 and \$19 for adults and children, respectively, the aquarium is a great value for year-round family entertainment (children under

two are free). Plus, it's an excellent place for my toddler to meet up with his older cousins for an activity that they can enjoy together.

After a day full of terrific activities, I often stop by Kid to Kid, a charming resale shop for all things kid, so I can head home armed with some "new" toys. My boy doesn't care if his toys come in glossy new packaging. He just wants to play! I can grab more wooden blocks—you can never have too many—or some new-to-him storybooks. And doesn't he need bigger pajamas, since he is growing so, so quickly?

Together, we had an exhausting and exhilarating day in Sandy. My baby is sleepy and worn out—just how I love him! He'll sleep well, while I kick back and enjoy a few hours of well-earned peace and quiet.

More than Friendly Faces

Sandy can be an exciting place for children to learn and explore. But one not-so-fun day stands out in my mind: I had to drag my child with me to get my car inspected. Oh, the horror! He climbed on the chairs, pulled leaves off the plastic plant and tried to yank papers off the attendant's desk. In desperation, I pulled out my secret weapon—a lollipop. He grabbed it from me greedily and settled down for some serious sugar intake.

And, of course, he ended up with purple goo all over his face, hands and arms.

I paid for the inspection and turned to pick up my sticky son with a tired sigh. But a fellow customer—child in tow—met me at the door. "I grabbed these for you," he said, handing me some paper towels. "One's wet and one's dry."

I wiped the sticky mess off my son, full of gratitude for the wonderful, friendly people who live and work in Sandy. ▲

FACES OF Sandy

Locals Who are Passionate about the City They Call Home

By Hilary Ingoldsby Whitesides

Nestled among the Wasatch Mountains, Sandy stands out as one of Utah's most popular cities. Sandy, however, is more than just a city. It's a community—one many people love and work hard at maintaining. The following three citizens in particular have dedicated themselves to preserving what they love most about Sandy and are proving that a city is as good as its citizens. Here's why.

Sylvia Andersen:

Building a Caring Community

According to Sylvia Andersen, there is no better place in the world to shop, eat, recreate, work and live than Sandy. And she should know. As the CEO of N.E.C. Group, Inc., Andersen has traveled extensively, but regardless of where her business and travels take her, Andersen is always happy to come home to Sandy.

"[Sandy] is business friendly, family oriented, clean, safe and healthy. I rarely go outside of Sandy for any services or entertainment. Everything I need is here in Sandy," she says.

And that's just the beginning of Andersen's love and appreciation for the city. Andersen has always been impressed with the sense of community in Sandy and has sought to enrich it by serving as a community coordinator since 1996. In this capacity, Andersen serves as a connection between community residents and the mayor and helps plan neighborhood activities such as a highly successful Easter egg hunt.

Andersen has also served on the Sandy City Public Utilities Commission, where she helped the city deal with water issues during her five years of service. From 2006-2008, she also served in the District 48 Utah State House of Representatives, where she became even more convinced that Utah is one of the best-run states in the country and that Sandy is one of its best cities.

"I love that we are the best-run state in the U.S. I love that Sandy is among the lowest in crime rates. I love that the



South Towne Expo Center is lovely, clean, well-managed, convenient to where our attendees live, and offers free parking. I love that my office spaces are convenient to the Expo Center; I love that they are affordable and well maintained. I love that I know the city officials and that they are honorable people who truly care about keeping Sandy an awesome place to live," Andersen says.

Andersen's crowning achievement, however, is likely her company's production of the Annual Home Remodeling & Decorating Shows and CAO, The Mountain West Contractors and Apartment Owners Trade Show. Businesses come from all over the nation to participate in the highly successful shows and Andersen is always anxious to tell them about Utah's economic stability and inviting business atmosphere.

"I am a salesperson by trade—I eat, sleep and live sales. So naturally, I sell to others what I love, and I love Sandy," Andersen says.



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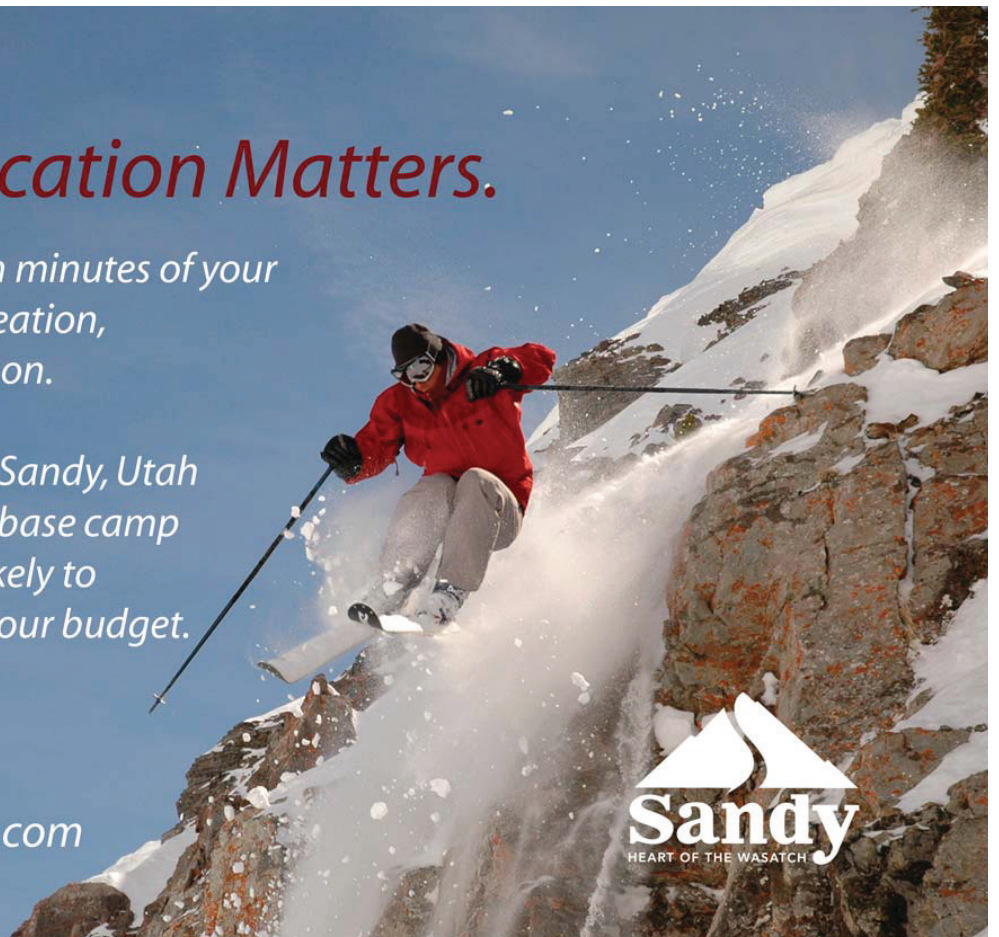
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Jennifer George: Shining a Spotlight on Sandy

Jennifer George has lived in Portland, Ore. and Ann Arbor, Mich., but happily calls Sandy, Utah home.

George moved to Utah as a teenager and started working in Sandy in the hotel industry in 1991. She has stayed in the hotel industry for 20 years, an experience that gives her a first-hand perspective and interest in Sandy tourism.

As George began to see all that Sandy has to offer, she became more involved in the community. She volunteered as the international chair in the Sandy Rotary Club and helped organize and carry out service projects in Sandy's sister city, Piedras Negras, Mexico.

George was also instrumental in organizing the Sandy Tourism Committee, which combined the tourism efforts of local hotels, the Sandy Chamber of Commerce, Sandy City and Visit Salt Lake. The group experienced early

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success partnering with Intermountain Volleyball to host the JV Girls Championship in Sandy as well as partnering with local ski resorts and starting Sandy as the great ski destination that it is.

"Many people outside of the state may recognize Salt Lake City, but are unaware of what Sandy has to offer. I live, work, shop and play in Sandy. We've elected to raise a family here. There is a sense of community here that is a rare thing to find. I think that it's one of the best places for a family to visit, and we've heard that very sentiment again and again from hotel clients and guests over the years," George says.

It's hard to imagine George has any free time with everything on her plate, but she also finds time to volunteer with the Sandy Chamber's Women in Business board. George has volunteered twice with the organization because she is passionate about empowering women to be successful.

But for George and her husband and young son, it's not all about work.

"I truly love the mountains," says George, who started a running group in her neighborhood last fall and recently completed her first half and full marathon. "My family and I spend as much time outdoors as we can."

Whether you're talking about business and economic development, work and accessibility to services, city safety and caring citizens, or leisure and family life, George wants everyone to know that Sandy has it all.

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David Doty:

A Collaborative Approach

If there's one word that describes David Doty's feelings about working in Sandy, it's collaboration.

Doty lives in Sandy and is the superintendent of the Canyons School District. The school district itself is living proof that one of Sandy's greatest traits is the ability to come together for an important cause.

The establishment of the Canyons School District in 2008 was a group effort. Parents and city and school officials, feeling that the Jordan School District was too large to meet everyone's needs, started the groundwork for a new district. With everyone's help and input, the new school district didn't waste any time in establishing itself as a premier district in Utah.

"Early on we developed four core principles to govern our district: excellent customer service, community engagement, student achievement and innovation. We've strived to make a culture where high student achievement is our main focus and the other pillars support that ultimate goal," Doty says. "We don't want public schools to be the schools of default; we want them to be the schools of choice."

The district's accomplishments in its short existence so far are impressive. Not only are new schools being built and older schools being completely refurbished, but new programs are helping students graduate with more impressive transcripts than ever before. Doty also says the district is in regular communication with city and business leaders and parents, and has forged a strong partnership with the Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

"We are always looking for ways to improve, and collaboration within the community is incredibly important. The time is long gone when public schools could operate by themselves. We need to be a part of the business community and political community to make sure our students are college and career ready. It will help the students and the community overall," Doty says.

Doty and his family were first attracted to Sandy because of the school system, but that's not all they love about the area. The outdoor activities, impressive park and trails system, and sense of community also make the Dotys proud to call Sandy home. And Doty is confident Sandy will continue to build a wonderful legacy.

"[Sandy] is a community that honors the past, but is also progressive about the future," he says. ▲



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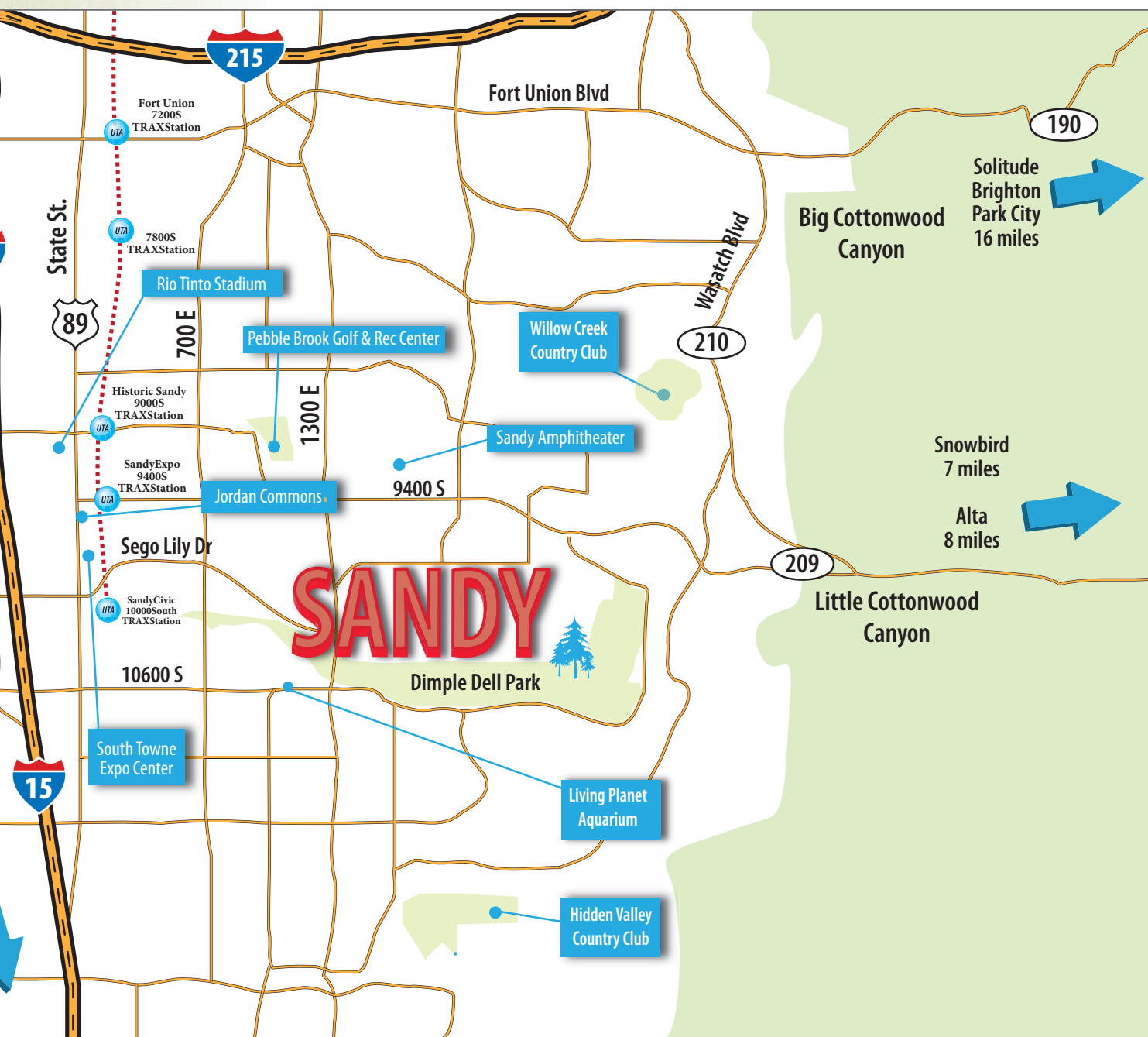
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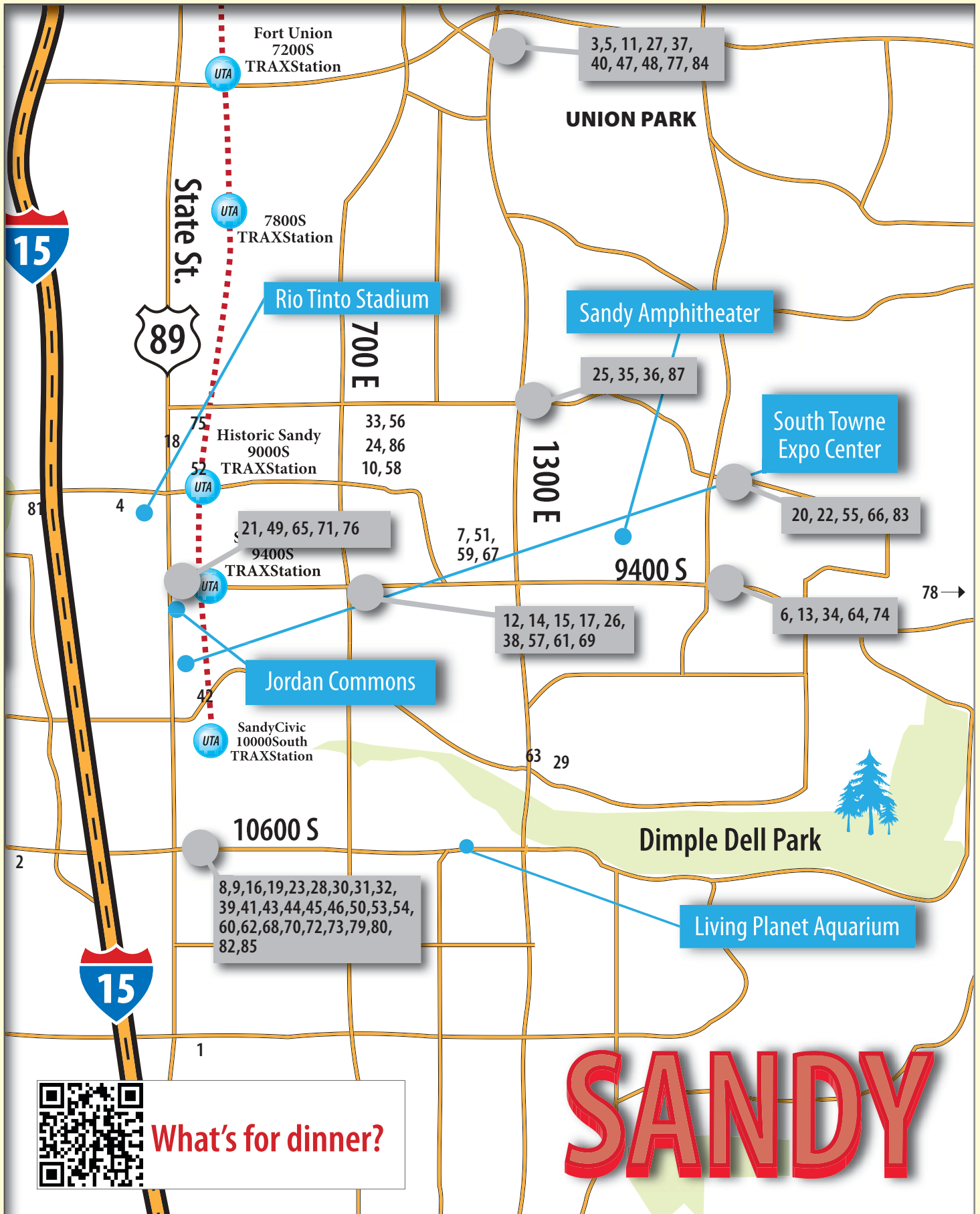
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